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grafs. When grafs has been once fown, it will afterwards annually fow itfelf; but it is very different with corn, which requires great care and good management.

The ground muft be firft prepared by ploughing, the grains of corn then fown in the furrows, and afterwards harrowed in, in order that the earth may cover the grain. Here, by the moifture of the ground, the feed becomes foft, and then fwells, when the roots fhoot downwards, and the blades force themfelves upwards, till they break their way through the earth, when they appear with a beautiful green on its furface.

This will continue to encrease in height, and the fun will ripen it, till it becomes fit for the golden harveft, when the fickle of the reaper will lay it on the ground, where, having laid a little time, the husbandman will convey it to his barn, and at his leifure thrafh it out. The miller will then grind it into flour, and the baker will make it into bread.

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Nor will Dolly, the cook-maid, neglect to convert part of it into pies, puddings, and tarts.

Let us continue our ramble, and get into the next field, where I fee a fine crop of barley, which is very different from wheat. You fee, my dear children, the ears are bearded; that is, they have long, hairy fpiques, which, were you to put them into your mouths, if they did not choke you, would at leaft give you much pain.

Though barley does not make fuch good bread as wheat, yet it produces our moft wholefome drink. The farmer fells it to the maltfter, who makes it into malt, which is fold to the brewers, who make it into ftrong beer, fuch as, if little boys drink too much of it, will make their tongues run nineteen to the dozen. You would have but few fat chickens and turkies, or hardly any other kind of poultry, were it not for this ufeul grain. Even after the brewers have extracted the

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